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1. Kurt Vieweg, secretary-general of the Farmers' Cooperative Union (Vereinigung der gegenseitigen Bauernhilfe) (VdGB), member of the Central Committee of the SED and of the secretariat of the Central Committee of the SED, is allegedly out of favor with the leadership of the SED for failing to carry through the party's program for the collectivization of farms in East Germany.
2. During the second week of January 1953 Karl Lotz, member of the SED and prominent in agricultural circles in Thuringia, was summoned to Berlin by the Central Committee to take over Vieweg's job as secretary-general of the VdGB.
3. Several days previously (fnu) Leidel, member of the SED from Dresden, had also been summoned to Berlin by the Central Committee for the same purpose as had Lotz. Both men refused to take over the job.
4. It was believed that Vieweg undoubtedly was aware that he was in disgrace and was on the way out.
5. Vieweg had been a close acquaintance, if not friend, of Paul Merker before Merker's fall from power.

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